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Madame:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Included herewith is a Request for a One Month Extension of Time and the RCE transmittal form. A \$ 850.00 payment for the Extension of Time (\$110.00) and the RCE filing fee (\$740.00) is enclosed in Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038. In relation to the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2002, please consider the Amendment and Remarks that follow.